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Become a Wildlife Master Volunteer

LITTLETON, CO --- Volunteer Connections, Arapahoe County's new volunteer program, is seeking volunteers for the CSU Cooperative Extension Office Wildlife Master program. Anyone 18 years or older can apply. Applicants are selected through a screening and interview process. Applications will be accepted until January 19, 2007.

It is desirable that applicants have previous knowledge and local experience in living responsibly with wildlife and/or minimizing wildlife damage. Volunteers attend an annual training session, at least two advanced training sessions, and provide two weeks of phone coverage.

Volunteers receive approximately 20 hours of wildlife training from Colorado State University and other public agency specialists on topics including wildlife conflict resolution, implications of wildlife diseases for Front Range residents, endangered species, and living with carnivores.

The day and a half workshop, held on March 1 and 2 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, prepares volunteers to answer the most common wildlife questions. Volunteers choose to attend two advanced training sessions scheduled throughout the year. There is a \$70 workshop fee to cover training costs and new member dues. Returning volunteers pay \$32.

"Once trained, Wildlife Master Volunteers use their knowledge and new expertise to help the general public with questions about wildlife," said Dale Edwards, CSU Cooperative Extension Division Manager. "Wildlife Masters work from home, returning customer inquires left on a voice mail server."

For more information and to get involved, call the Arapahoe County Extension Office at 303-730-1920.

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